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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Master Sergeant Barbara L. Freesen, Illinois State Police (Ret.) of Springfield, who passed away on February 7, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, M.Sgt. Freesen was born to LeRoy Freesen and Bonnie (Blair) Freesen in Bluffs on September 7, 1955; she received her bachelor's degree from Illinois College, where she lettered in basketball and was captain of the tennis team; she also coached basketball and softball at Shawnee Community College; she graduated as a member of Cadet Class 89 from the Illinois State Police Academy in 1994; she married Bonnie Miller in Springfield on June 7, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, M.Sgt. Freesen served as a trooper for the Illinois State Police for 26 years, retiring as Master Sergeant #3808; and

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WHEREAS, M.Sgt. Freesen assisted as a doorkeeper for the Illinois Senate and served on the Springfield City Police Review Commission; she helped with fundraising for the Illinois State Police Museum and was a member of the Heritage Foundation; and

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1 WHEREAS, M.Sgt. Freesen was preceded in death by her
2 father; and

3 WHEREAS, M.Sgt. Freesen is survived by her wife, Bonnie;
4 her mother, Bonnie Freesen; her twin sister, Beverly (Kirk)
5 Reeves; her brother, David (Jeannie) Freesen; her sister,
6 Linda (Terry) McFarland; her nieces, Blair, Lauren, Katie, and
7 Erin; her nephews, Luke, Tyler, Kyle, and Connor; her stepson,
8 Paul (Melissa) Frantz; and her four grandchildren; therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Master Sergeant Barbara L. Freesen, Illinois State Police
13 (Ret.) and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
14 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of M.Sgt. Freesen as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.